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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BEFORE THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. ALSUP, JUDGE

WAYMO, LLC,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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VS.)	No. C 17-00939 WHA
)	
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,)	
et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	San Francisco, California
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1 in for Morrison & Foerster to represent one of the defendants in
2 the case, that being Otto Trucking.

3 **THE COURT:** All right. I did see that. I did not realize I
4 had to sign it, but I will get that done, at some point. All
5 right.

6 **MR. GONZÁLEZ:** Thank you.

7 **THE COURT:** So we are here on a motion to compel
8 arbitration. It's your motion.

9 **MR. GONZÁLEZ:** Your Honor, Mr. Hume is going to present our
10 argument.

11 **THE COURT:** Fine.

12 **MR. HUME:** Good morning, Your Honor. Hamish Hume from Boies
13 Schiller for Uber and Otto Moto.

14 Your Honor, the Court asked four seemingly very on-point
15 questions. I don't know if the Court would like to hear the
16 answer to that first.

17 **THE COURT:** Let's do this, if you don't mind.

18 Who is going to respond on your side?

19 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** I am, Your Honor.

20 **THE COURT:** Okay. So, let's go through these four
21 questions. And then hopefully we will still have some time for
22 you to do some argument. The questions are really directed --
23 the first two, anyway -- at Waymo.

24 **So the first question is: Will Waymo forego any reliance in**
25 **this case on any employment or other agreement with Levandowski**

1 containing an arbitration clause?

2 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** So --

3 **THE COURT:** Wait, wait.

4 Will Waymo seek to use any such agreement for any purpose in
5 this case?

6 Okay, so what's the answer to that?

7 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** So if I could, Your Honor, I would break it
8 up into each question.

9 **THE COURT:** Sure.

10 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** So with respect to the first question, the
11 answer is: Yes.

12 **THE COURT:** Wait a minute.

13 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** Waymo will forego any reliance on the terms
14 of any employment or other agreement with Levandowski containing
15 an arbitration clause.

16 **THE COURT:** Answer: Yes. Okay. How about the second
17 question?

18 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** The second questions is: Will Waymo seek to
19 use any such agreement for any purpose in the case?

20 The answer is: No, provided that Uber does not open the
21 door by reference to these agreements or the lack thereof of
22 those agreements, which is something that we would just have to
23 address down the road if they tried to inject them into the
24 case, somehow. But otherwise the answer is: No.

25 **THE COURT:** Well, all right.

1 So the other side in the briefing has said even if you're
2 not relying on the contracts, per se, the moment will come in
3 the case when you have got to prove up that these were trade
4 secrets. And one of the things that you look at to see if it
5 was a trade secret was: Did your company have security measures
6 to safeguard the confidentiality of the information?

7 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** (Nods head)

8 **THE COURT:** To which you would normally want to say: Well,
9 we made him sign an agreement that he would keep it
10 confidential. And we made everybody else sign a similar
11 agreement.

12 I mean, I'm -- I think that's one of the things. It's not
13 the only way to do it, but that would be one of the things that
14 you would normally point to.

15 So, what is your answer to that?

16 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** My answer to that, Your Honor, is we have
17 plenty of other evidence to support that standard other than
18 specifically relying on any term in Mr. Levandowski's employment
19 agreement.

20 **THE COURT:** Well --

21 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** So we will not --

22 **THE COURT:** To be --

23 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** Sorry.

24 **THE COURT:** But does that mean that you will not refer to
25 that in your -- in presentation to the jury to try to show that

1 the company had plenty of ways to maintain confidentiality?

2 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** We would not refer to Mr. Levandowski's
3 employment agreements or any of them in an effort to show that
4 we're maintaining confidentiality.

5 We may ask your Court -- and it would be only with
6 permission -- whether we could talk about our general policy
7 that employees sign employment agreements. But if Your Honor
8 believes that is too close, then we won't do that either.

9 We have plenty of evidence to support our measures that we
10 have taken. And we have outlined those in our brief. I can go
11 over them if you would like, Your Honor.

12 **THE COURT:** Well, let's -- I realize you've got more to your
13 trade secrets quiver than that one arrow. But, okay.

14 What's wrong with what -- what do you say in response to
15 what I just heard on Question 1?

16 **MR. HUME:** Your Honor, Waymo doesn't get to pretend that
17 these contracts don't exist in order to avoid arbitration. They
18 want to invoke other sources of law, common law, the protections
19 they took on their files, and say that's enough to show both
20 that they took reasonable measures for confidentiality, and that
21 Mr. Levandowski breached some duty of confidentiality.

22 But the fact of the matter is, Waymo chose to have a
23 contract. They chose to have a contract with a lot of relevant
24 provisions in it. A contract that talks about confidential
25 information. A contract that talks about returning documents

1 when you leave. A contract that talks about inventions. And
2 who owns what, including itemizing in an exhibit: Which
3 inventions did Mr. Levandowski already own?

4 One only needs to read a little bit of the press in this
5 case. You know, Mr. Levandowski had an active inventorship
6 before he went to Google; he had side businesses while he was at
7 Google. One of those businesses was bought back. The terms of
8 this agreement (Indicating) tell us: What did they own, what
9 did he own.

10 They chose to have that contract. They can't now litigate
11 this case as if it were nonexistent, which is what they want to
12 do to avoid arbitration. There's no case that allows that. And
13 there are at least three cases in California state court that
14 have required a plaintiff in this position to arbitrate, even
15 though they did not want to rely in any way on the contract.
16 They tried to stay as far away from it as they could.

17 **THE COURT:** Well, give me one such example.

18 **MR. HUME:** In the *Metalclad* case, Your Honor -- and if we
19 could, we have some demonstratives, and --

20 **THE COURT:** No, no, no, wait, wait, wait. Wait. Just give
21 me the -- no, I don't want -- I don't want those yet. Time
22 permitting, we'll get to them. But give me the name of the
23 case, because I -- I question what you just told me. And I want
24 to just look at your best case.

25 **MR. HUME:** So let me be clear: None of these cases had a

1 their argument that there's inexplicable intertwining, as you
2 may recall in the reply brief, there's a long list of bulleted
3 points from our pleadings and complaint.

4 And as we pointed out in our surreply, not a single one of
5 those quotes referenced or relied on the employment agreement
6 with Mr. Levandowski. So the second aspect of the second prong
7 is not met.

8 And so, even if Your Honor is a little skeptical about my
9 comments about whether they need to be a signatory which I think
10 is supported under the law, it's -- it's not going to turn the
11 scales anyway, because you've got the second prong, which has
12 been construed by the Court to refer to the obligations in the
13 contract. It's not inextricably intertwined with the facts or
14 whatever.

15 It's inter- -- sorry, Your Honor. It's inter- --
16 intertwined, I'll say, with the causes of action -- or excuse
17 me -- the clauses and the obligations in the employment
18 agreement. And here, it's not. We're not relying on the
19 employment agreement, at all. And so there's no intertwinement.

20 **THE COURT:** All right. Let's hear the other side's view of
21 that.

22 **MR. HUME:** Your Honor, there's nowhere that Waymo was more
23 clear with its employees and Mr. Levandowski on what the terms
24 of their obligations were on keeping trade secret and other
25 proprietary information confidential than the contract. So the

1 that Waymo's got to do the same thing? It's reciprocal? What
2 do you say to that?

3 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** Well, what I say, I think it's important --
4 well, first of all, we are not suing Levandowski. And so he's
5 not a defendant in these claims. So there's no other side of
6 the coin here.

7 **THE COURT:** Well, no, you're suing -- you're suing Uber
8 based upon something that Levandowski did.

9 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** Based on something Uber did.

10 **THE COURT:** Yes, and Levandowski. You say in your complaint
11 that he downloaded 14,000 --

12 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** That's correct, and he continued --

13 **THE COURT:** While he was an employee.

14 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** And he continued to do things that we allege
15 were improper while he was a head of Uber's self-driving car
16 program.

17 **THE COURT:** Well, I know, but the heart of your -- the key
18 thing is that he downloaded 14,000 files while he was at your
19 company, while he was an employee.

20 **MR. HUME:** And while they allege he was talking to us.
21 Paragraphs 42 to 48.

22 **THE COURT:** I understand, but --

23 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** So --

24 **THE COURT:** So if it was reciprocal, why wouldn't you have
25 to also arbitrate?

1 of its employees, and it's at the broadest possible arbitration
2 agreement you can. And then when there's the least little
3 possibility that maybe you're going to get stuck with the same
4 reciprocal obligation, you're suddenly scrambling to try to
5 figure out some -- so now you say: Oh, "anyone," "anyone," oh,
6 that means anyone at Google. All right.

7 **MR. VERHOEVEN:** So be that as it may, Your Honor, the issue
8 here is equitable estoppel. And that doesn't mean equity in the
9 world. I just want to focus this.

10 The equitable estoppel we're talking about has been defined
11 by the courts. And what it's talking about is precluding a
12 party from claiming the benefits of the terms of the contract
13 while simultaneously attempting to avoid the burdens of that
14 contract.

15 **THE COURT:** I understand that. And I -- I think that tends
16 to work in your favor. But I, nevertheless -- all right.
17 Mr. Chatterjee, I'm going to give you a chance to say what you
18 wanted to say, and then we have got to bring it to a close.

19 **MR. HUME:** We also, Your Honor, haven't had a chance to
20 answer Questions 3 and 4.

21 **THE COURT:** We have run out of time. You see what's
22 happened today. Been going since 8:00.

23 **MR. HUME:** I don't think they're controversial. Question
24 No. 3 --

25 **THE COURT:** I may give you a chance to submit it under --

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